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NASA Exhibit Journeys to South Bend

For the first time ever, South Bend is the site of the NASA “Vision for Space Exploration Experience” an interactive exhibit which will be open to students and the general public October 15-17th at John Adams High School, 808 S. Twyckenham Drive. Area schools will visit the exhibit during the school day – 9 to 2pm. The exhibit is free and open to the public each evening from 5-8 pm.

The NASA exhibit is located on the south side of Adams High School, off of Mishawaka Avenue, and parking is available in the school parking lot. The tour is free, wheelchair accessible, and takes approximately ten minutes.

The Space Exploration exhibit is designed to share NASA’s goals for returning to the moon and exploring the universe, including Mars and beyond. South Bend was chosen as a site thanks to the efforts of Congressman Joe Donnelly and through collaboration between IUSB, the South Bend Community School Corporation, and the cities of South Bend and Mishawaka.

The exhibit is housed in a 53-foot-long semi-trailer and is divided into several sections, allowing visitors to learn about technologies being investigated and developed by NASA, its partners in the aerospace industry, academia, and governmental agency partners. Guests will also learn about how tomorrow’s lifestyles will change as NASA develops advancements in power, computer and medical technologies, communications, networking and robotics, as well as how other advanced technologies will increase the safety and reliability of space transportation systems while reducing cost.

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The exhibit will first explore what is needed to travel to the moon and Mars. As the tour continues, holographic video maps will allow visitors to learn more about NASA's research on the history of the moon and Mars, and future plans for exploration. The second section features a hexagonal theater with an interactive floor that aims to simulate walking on the surfaces of the moon and Mars. While taking this "moonwalk", visitors will also hear about NASA's future plans of traveling back to the moon to create a working environment that will ensure safe future travel further into the solar system.